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Term 3 Week 4

Friday 10th August 2012

## Penrose School - A Hive Of Activity And Learning



*David and Amelie really happy with the various educational programs and activities offered at Penrose. Learning can be fun!*

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## Diary Dates For Next 4 Weeks

<b>Week 5</b>	13-Aug	14-Aug Music Baby Clinic Gardening ICAS Maths	15-Aug	16-Aug Gillian - PP Conference Canberra	17-Aug Gillian - PP Conference Canberra Library	18/19 Jul
<b>Week 6</b>	20-Aug	21-Aug Music Gardening Yr6 Portfolio W'shop @MVHS	22-Aug Middle School Project Yr 6 @ Wingello	23-Aug	24-Aug Library	25/26 Aug
<b>Week 7</b>	27-Aug	28-Aug Music Baby Clinic Gardening	29-Aug	30-Aug Responsible Pet Ownership	31-Aug Library	1/2 Sep <b>Father's Day</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	3-Sep	4-Sep Music Gardening	5-Sep Fire Safety Talk	6-Sep	7-Sep Library	18/9 Sep



### Book Fair Success

This year's Book Fair theme was a "Luau Feast", where families joined the children to feast their eyes on a wide selection of books to purchase. The school was able to buy many new titles for the School Library from the proceeds of the Fair and also from donations from families. The children enjoyed dressing for the feast and they thoroughly enjoyed the luncheon that followed. Thank you for your generous support at this event.



### Friendly Reminder

\*Term 3 Fruto money now due, \$20 per student.

\*Parents welcome to help in the garden on Weds.

## Tips for Parents

The recently released report: "*Doing what matters most: How parents can help their children succeed in school*" found four key things that parents can do to help ensure their children's success at school:

#### 1st. **Have high expectations for your children.**

When parents consistently express belief in their child's potential and encourage children to do well academically at school, students do better.

#### 2nd. **Talk About School.**

Surprisingly, this has a greater impact on academic achievement than monitoring homework, being at home after school for your kids, or limiting out of school activities.

#### 3rd. **Help your children to develop a positive attitude toward learning and good work habits.**

Rather than trying to directly "teach" your children, focus on helping them handle distractions and crises of confidence, praise them for effort and persistence and demonstrate a positive attitude about school as a whole. Bit by bit, these are the attributes that will build solid foundations for ongoing success.

#### 4th. **Read together (in any language).**

Reading with children is the best way to turn them on reading. But this does not mean forcing them to sound out words. Instead focus your children on mechanics of reading and teach them to love reading. Make reading fun and enjoyable.

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*Oscar enjoying the feast after the book fair*



*William and Thomas's mum demonstrating a Luau-style dance*



*Dominic trying to suck jelly through a straw.*

## Education Week Celebrations Creating the Future

Children were able to display the work they have been doing this year. Our emphasis was on how we learn at school. Children showed our visitors how we learn through a mix of mediums from modern technology right through to games and bookwork. Family and community then joined us for a Luau BBQ feast and other delicious food supplied by the parents.



*Brenden sensibly eating his jelly cocktail with a straw*



*Lilly-Beth enjoying the festivities with our preschoolers*

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*Leila enjoying dancing to the music with her ribbon*

## **Early Childhood Music Now @ Penrose PS**

This term has seen the beginning of the Goulburn Regional Conservatorium's Early Childhood Music class facilitated by Penrose resident and musician Maria Dunn. The class is designed for pre-schoolers to learn pre instrument music skills based around the musical elements of pitch rhythm and movement. So basically what happens is we sing, we play and we dance! It's lots of fun! The ribbon sticks are a big hit. The class is held in the Penrose School library from 10-11 on Thursday mornings during school term. Contact Maria Dunn for more details on 48844170.



*Preschoolers having a wonderful time in Maria's class*

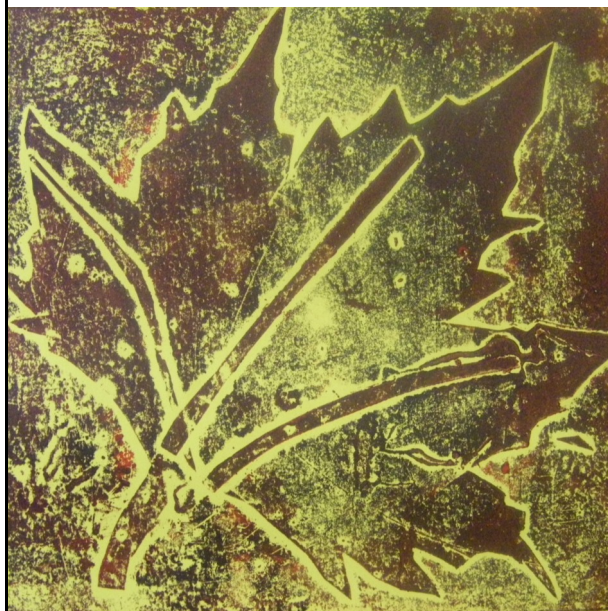
## **ICAS Computer Skills Results**

In the University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) our senior students have achieved excellent results for Computer skills.

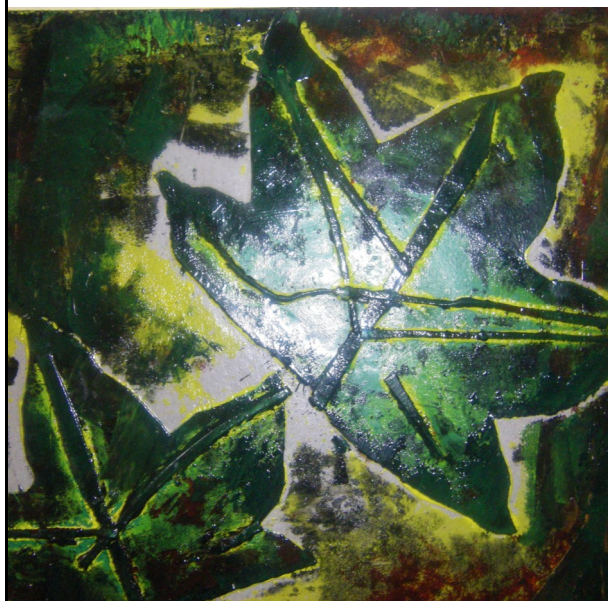
Dominic Luke achieved a Distinction and Thomas Gillis received a Participation Award.

## **Students Experience Other Mediums In Creative Arts**

Students this year have been able to experiment with many mediums in Art, including Papier Mache, Drawing, Clay, Painting, and collage. They have explored a variety of subjects such as trees, music, extinct animals, leaves, Olympics, self portraits and figures. Our thanks must go to Kay McMenemy who has brought the world of art to our classroom.



*Oscar's lithography print of Autumn leaves*



*Amelie's lithography design*

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*Mrs Mabbutt in her denim with some of the creative team who designed and decorated the denim. Above: the Jacket*

## Jeans for Genes Day

Penrose Students participated again this year in the Jeans for Genes day last Friday to raise money and awareness into the work done for the Children's Medical Research Institute. The school raised \$30 for the cause and decorated denim for Mrs Mabbutt to wear on the day as a dare. Mrs Mabbutt was pleased with the creative denim she had to wear.



**To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world.**

*- Jacques Pierre Ribault*

## Working Together With Our School Community

### Fantastic New Early Childhood Music Programme

Held At Penrose Public School  
10.00 to 11.00am Every Thursday  
To enroll please contact:  
The Goulburn Conservatorium Inc.  
Telephone: (02) 4821 8833  
Email: [catherine.rhodes@thegrc.com.au](mailto:catherine.rhodes@thegrc.com.au)

### Blue Light Disco

The next Blue Light will be held on Saturday, 25 August, Mittagong RSL Club. Cost is \$5, ages 4 to 14 years. Mums and dads free. There will be two special guests from the ABC3 show, "DANCE ACADEMY", Jordan Rodrigues and Kat Risteska.

### Regional Tour To discuss Proposed Planning System For Our State

Residents across the state will have the opportunity this month to discuss proposals outlined in the NSW Government's Green Paper.

These proposals include:

- Involving the community earlier in guiding planning decisions that will shape the growth and future of our cities, towns and neighbourhoods;
- Reducing red tape and delays for the assessment of development applications for all types of proposals;
- Ensuring that infrastructure is planned and delivered to support new and existing communities; and
- Promoting a 'can do' culture in the planning system and ensuring that councils and the government are accountable for delivering results.

Community members should register for the events at [www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/newplanningsystem](http://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/newplanningsystem) to assist the department to plan for the events. Further information is available on the website.

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**TERM THREE TO-DO LIST:**  
- pay for Amy's school camp  
- buy James new school shoes  
- find out more about Saver Plus!

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500. The Smith Family is looking for new participants in your local area.

You may be eligible if you or your partner have:

- a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school or starting next year
- some regular income from work.

Contact Lindi Jamieson-Brown, your local Saver Plus Worker:  
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